

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 481 entitled “An act relating to public health initiatives to address death by
4 suicide” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 192, in section 8151, by striking out the
7 last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 The Director shall:

9 (1) expand partnerships, including with service members, veterans, and
10 their families;

11 (2) implement innovative data-driven initiatives;

12 (3) coordinate suicide prevention programs across the State; and

13 (4) work to secure federal funding.

14 Second: In Sec. 2, statewide suicide prevention; strategic plan and school
15 protocol, in subdivision (a)(1), after the second sentence, by inserting the
16 following sentence: The plan shall consider emerging research on factors
17 contributing to suicide.

18 Third: In Sec. 2, statewide suicide prevention; strategic plan and school
19 protocol, in subdivision (a)(1), in the last sentence, after “schools,” by inserting
20 the phrase afterschool programs.

1 Fourth: In Sec. 2, statewide suicide prevention; strategic plan and school
2 protocol, in subsection (b), by inserting a second sentence to read as follows:

3 The model protocol shall:

4 (1) reflect preliminary data related to grants to expand mental health and
5 well-being services to youth pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 112, Sec.
6 3; and

7 (2) ensure that school employees receive education pertaining to the
8 prevention of, use of language regarding, and identification of eating disorders
9 in youth.

10 Fifth: By inserting a new Sec. 3 after Sec. 2 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 3. SUICIDE PREVENTION; HEALTH CARE FACILITIES; MODEL
12 PROTOCOL

13 On or before July 1, 2024, the Director of Suicide Prevention, in
14 collaboration with the Agency of Human Services, medical boards, and
15 stakeholders, shall develop and submit a model protocol to the House
16 Committee on Health Care and to the Senate Committee on Health and
17 Welfare for health care facilities regarding suicide prevention and postvention
18 services. This model protocol shall create opportunities for health care
19 providers to receive training on eating disorders.

20 and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

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3 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE